

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. (Cancelled)

--2. (Currently Amended) A multichannel acoustic signal reproducing apparatus comprising at least:

a portable housing;

a center speaker arranged in the portable housing;

left and right speakers ~~separable from~~ a separably attached to the portable housing;

recording and reproducing means arranged in the portable housing capable of recording and reproducing a recording medium;

surround decoding means arranged in the portable housing for decoding a multichannel acoustic signal from the recording and reproducing means to produce surround phonic sound;

switching means arranged in the portable housing for reproducing a predetermined number of channels of the multichannel acoustic signal through the center speaker and the left and right speakers, and switching and outputting remaining channels of the multichannel acoustic signal; and

control means for controlling the recording and reproducing means, the surround decoding means and the switching means, [[and]]

wherein channel signals of the remaining channels from the switching means are supplied to a ~~target~~ television

receiver having speakers and capable of ~~reecording~~ reproducing the channel signals, ~~and reproduced as surround phonic sound through the control means, the target being a television receiver or an acoustic equipment.~~

--3. (Currently Amended) The multichannel acoustic signal reproducing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

~~an output signal~~ the channel signals from the ~~output~~ switching means ~~[[is]]~~ are transmitted to ~~the target of the a~~ television receiver etc. ~~having the main speakers by a wire cable~~ consisting of one wire ~~or wirelessly~~; and

~~the left, right, and center speakers of the multichannel acoustic signal reproducing apparatus~~ are used as rear speakers.